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Hon. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Mercury Building, #711 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC -

Abandonment Exemption STB Docket No. AB-976 (X)

Reply to Interim Trail Use Request

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC ("PSR LLC") is in receipt of the letter dated July 11, 2205, requesting a public use condition and interim trail use. This letter responds only to the request for interim trail use. PSR LLC will respond separately to the request for a public use condition.

PSR LLC hereby indicates its willingness to enter into negotiations with Armstrong County and Jefferson County for interim trail use for the portion of the right of way between milepost 24.0 and milepost 56.0,¹ provided that it is not prevented from salvaging the tracks, ties, signal equipment and other track materials or property outside of the right of way that would be necessary for trail use.

PSR LLC has indicated that it intends to retain the track between milepost 22.0 and milepost 24.0, as well as the track between milepost 56.0 and milepost 62.0, for operation as private sidetracks or spurs.

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Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

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